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BRIEFER ARTICLES

THE HALL HERBARIUM

Students of botanical taxonomy in the Central States and America are to be congratulated upon the donation to the Field Museum of Natural History of the herbarium of the late ELIHU HALL. • The family of Mr. HALL, after long deliberation, decided that in the herbarium of the Field Museum the botanical work of their father would be advantageously preserved in a highly referable form; his individuality maintained; and his material most carefully organized.

The herbarium of Mr. HALL comprises about 35,000 sheets, particularly rich in western and southwestern United States plants. It contains the original HALL plants of Texas, the American Plains, and Oregon; the HALL and HARBOUR collections of the Rocky Mountains and American Plains; and a unique series of western species grown at Athens, Illinois, from seeds of plants collected from Texas northward to Oregon. The latter series is carefully labeled, so that in every case the original plant may be directly compared with the specimen of the same as grown in the new environment.

Mr. HALL was an active and careful conductor of exchanges from 1858 to 1870, a fact that results in large series of plant specimens contributed to his herbarium by BOLANDER, California; BRANDEGEE, Colorado; BUCKLEY, Texas; CANBY, various localities; CHAPMAN, Florida; CLINTON, New York; COUTHOUY, Ecuador; CURTISS, Virginia and Florida; FAXON, Florida; FENDLER, New Mexico; FORSHEY, Texas; GARBER, Florida; GATTINGER, Tennessee; HALE, Louisiana; HOWELL, Oregon and Washington; JAMES, California; JONES, Utah; LOOMIS and CROOM, North Carolina; MACOUN, Canada and British Columbia; MOHR, Alabama; PARRY and PALMER, Mexico; RAVENEL, South Carolina; RIDDELL, Texas; SHORT, Kentucky; TORREY, various localities; VASEY, Illinois and California; VOLLUM, Texas; WOLF, Colorado; WRIGHT, New Mexico; MCOWEN, South Africa; MUELLER, Australia; and various other American and foreign collectors and herbarists.—C. F. MILLSAUGH, *Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago*.